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FM AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2957

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EFIN, IS  
SUBJECT: DATA FOR ANNUAL CLAIMS REPORT

REF: STATE 103865

1. A. DATE OF CLAIM - JULY 1, 1968  
B. AMOUNT OF CLAIM - \$7.6 MILLION  
C. THIS CLAIM BY THE US GOVERNMENT AGAINST THE  
GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL IS FOR COMPENSATION FOR PHYSICAL  
DAMAGES TO THE USS LIBERTY BY THE  
ARMED FORCES OF ISRAEL ON THE SHIP AS IT LAY  
IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS ON JUNE 8, 1967.  
D. SINCE SUBMISSION OF THE LAST REPORT ON THIS  
CLAIM TO THE CONGRESS, US EMBASSY TEL AVIV  
HAS TAKEN THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS IN PURSUIT OF  
THIS CLAIM:  
-ON FEBRUARY 21, 1978, AMBASSADOR LEWIS DISCUSSED  
THE MATTER WITH THE DIRECTOR GENERAL  
OF THE ISRAELI MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
(SEE TEL AVIV 43537).  
-ON FEBRUARY 22, 1978, A DIPLOMATIC NOTE  
WAS PRESENTED TO THE GOI.  
-ON APRIL 27, 1978, AMBASSADOR LEWIS RAISED  
THE MATTER WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF  
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THE GOI, AHARON BARAK, TO WHOM THE MATTER HAD  
BEEN REFERRED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. ACCORDING  
TO BARAK, HE AND THE FOREIGN MINISTRY  
HAVE AGREED THAT AN AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE SHOULD  
BE MADE TO OUR NOTE OF FEBRUARY 22 AND THAT  
CONCURRENCE IS NOW BEING SOUGHT FROM THE MINISTRIES  
OF DEFENSE AND FINANCE TO NEGOTIATE A SETTLEMENT

OF THE CLAIM WITH US.

2. THE EMBASSY WILL CONTINUED TO PURSUE THE MATTER AND IS  
OPTIMISTIC THAT FURTHER PROGRESS WILL BE MADE BEFORE THE  
DEPARTMENT'S REPORT TO THE CONGRESS ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1978.  
WE WILL UPDATE THIS REPORT ACCORDINGLY.

3. WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED A COPY OF THE 1977 REPORT  
AS MENTIONED IN PARA 2 OF REFTEL.

LEWIS

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